

10-14 YEARS OLD



Introduction¹

Injury is the leading cause of death of Washington children 10-14 years old. During 1999-2001, injuries among Washington children in this age group were responsible for an annual average of:

- 38 deaths.
- 810 hospitalizations.
- About 58,350 visits to a hospital emergency department, or about one out of every eight children 10-14 years old.

Summary

Injury is the leading cause of death for Washington State children ages 10-14. Motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of injury-related death, and falls were the leading cause of injury-related hospitalization for children in this age group. The injury-related death rate for Washington children 10-14 years old decreased by about 43 percent during 1981-2001.

¹ Unless otherwise specified, data are for injuries among children 10-14 years old during 1999-2001. Rates are per 100,000 children 10-14 years old who are Washington residents.

Time Trends²

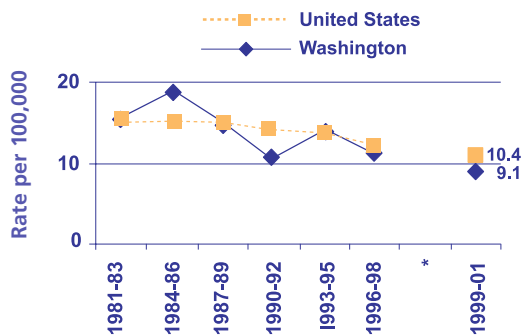
From the three-year time period of 1981-83 to 1999-2001, the injury death rate for Washington children 10-14 years old declined significantly from 15.9 to 9.1 per 100,000. This represents about a 43 percent decrease in the injury-related death rate for this age group.

Injury death rates for Washington children 10-14 years old were similar to national rates from the three-year time period of 1981-83 to 1999-2001.

Intent

The majority of injury deaths (76 percent) and hospitalizations (86 percent) were unintentional. About 12 percent of deaths and hospitalizations were the result of a self-inflicted injury.

**Injury Death Rate, Ages 10-14
Washington 1981-2001
United States 1990-2001**

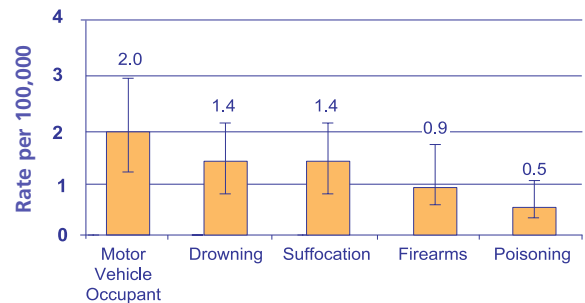


* This gap is due to coding changes between 1998 and 1999 which may affect the comparability.

Leading Cause of Death

Motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of injury-related death for Washington children 10-14 years old.

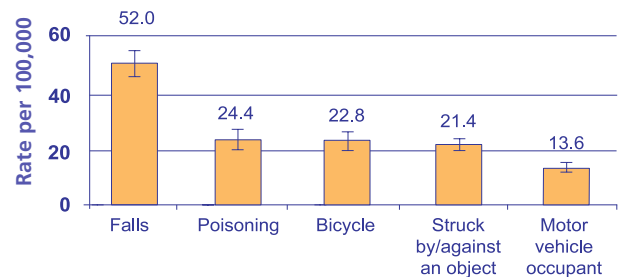
**Leading Causes of Injury Death
Ages 10-14, Washington 1999-2001**



Leading Cause of Hospitalization³

Falls were the leading cause of injury-related hospitalization for Washington children 10-14 years old.

**Leading Causes of Injury Hospitalization
Ages 10-14, Washington 1999-2001**



For prevention strategies, see chapters on motor vehicle occupant injury, injury due to falls, drowning, poisoning, suffocation, bicycle injury, suicide, and firearm injury.

² See Comparability Ratio section in Appendix D.

³ Struck by or against an object is defined as injuries resulting from being struck by or striking against objects or persons.